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Chief of Station, Frankfurt

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Chief of Base, Pullach

Operational/CALL

Requirement on East German Rearrangement

RSP: RQ2W 24127

1. ID 2804 is obviously a request that we cannot pass on to ZIPPER. An answer from Pullach would be the product of liaison contact and would necessarily require an effort by the KUBARK staff. This is an old problem but I believe that our position should be restated.

2. In 1949 and 1950 it became apparent to us that we would have a unique opportunity for following the development of the Fed Rep military. We were in fact able to report at that time that HEUSINGER and WEIDEL would emerge in the two top positions in the new military establishment. At that time we recommended that a project be established by KUBARK to follow this development. This was disapproved by Headquarters in spite of strong support from the Chief of Mission. During the years 1949 to 1953 Pullach and Bonn (and for a time FOB) reported extensively on military personalities, usually in operational pouches. The material is scattered throughout KUBARK files; most of it is in Headquarters.

3. At one time FOB was, staffwise, in a position to follow these matters closely. C and E were both very active in this field. Today we have little contact in the military field and have, since the establishment of the U.S. 100-strong Advanced Planning Group and a Military Attache Designate in Bonn, stopped reporting on developments in the remilitarization field. Cutbacks effected in the FOB staff have taken this into consideration and today we have only a limited capability for collecting and reporting of spot information.

4. A reply from KUBARK to ID 2804 which would reflect the information scattered in operational reports over a period of years is a desk research job that we are unable to perform and is appropriately a function of either GSB or Headquarters.

5. In my spare time I have been doing a research job in this field, in an effort to determine just what role ZIPPER played in controlling and supporting the German military during the years between the collapse of the Third Reich and the emergence of Amt BLANK. Was ZIPPER created by UTILITY primarily as a life raft for the floundering German General Staff or was it created as the nucleus of a GSB which secondarily served as a temporary haven for the most vital elements of the German military? This becomes a chicken-or-the-egg sort of exercise but

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is one which, in KEMARK's interest alone, must be done. The product of this effort, essentially historical in character, cannot be equated with ID 280h.

6. In summary, POB does not feel that it can accept ID 280h as a requirement for anything but isolated items of information which may come to our attention in the future. We are not in a position to attempt a comprehensive reply to this ID.

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